

ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16th July 2026 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Councillors: Richard Burgess (RB), John Funnell (JF), Lee Lewis (LL), Tom Boston (TB) and Matt Hawkins (MH) - Chair

Others: Clerk

		Action
1.	Declarations of interest in items on the agenda: There were no declarations of interest.	
2.	Apologies: Apologies were provided by Rhiannon Harris and Graham Barnes-Moss. It was RESOLVED to accept the apologies.	
3.	To approve the minutes of the meeting on 18th June 2026: The minutes were RESOLVED as accepted with the following revision for Item 11: <u>Original:</u> New Application: Proposed development on Blacksmith Lane next to the Old Rectory of 4 bungalows and parking: It was RESOLVED to support the proposed development of 4 bungalows once it goes into WNC Planning. <u>Revised:</u> New Application: Proposed development on Blacksmith Lane next to the Old Rectory of 4 bungalows and parking: This potential application was acknowledged and the Parish Council had no issue with the plan to add the unclaimed land in the corner of the proposed plot.	Clerk
4.	Matters Arising from the last meeting, not covered elsewhere on agenda: Update on funding for handheld radar cameras (Clerk): The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the neighbouring Parishes of Byfield and Chipping Warden were eager to put together a joint application to the Police, Crime and Fire Commissioner to access grant funding for traffic management. It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to liaise with Byfield and Chipping Warden Parish Councils to complete the grant application.	Clerk
5.	Chairman's Announcements:	

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	Community Bus: WNC was asked for funding by a provider, who was hoping to put on 20 new routes. WNC have yet to make a decision. HS2 Site Visit: The Parish Council has been invited to attend a site visit at the Chipping Warden HS2 Compound on 17th September 2026. Planning Application on Blacksmith Lane: Awaiting announcement of application via WNC. Letter received from Parishioner about the site of St Leonard's Churchyard: Clerk has passed letter onto the Church Warden, as St Leonard's Churchyard is still the responsibility of the diocese. Dog fouling refuse bag dispenser: MH has spoken to the company quoting for it and informed them that the Parish Council has decided not to purchase these. HS2 signage at Wormleighton: MH has spoken to Haidee Williams at EKFB about the poor signage at the Wormleighton junction. This has been resolved by EKFB. Village Hall Notice Board: It was RESOLVED for MH to undertake further research on the type and size of the proposed notice board along with the location of installation after a discussion with the Village Hall Committee.	
6.	To receive report from the WNC Ward Councillor(s): N/A	
7.	Public Participation: N/A	
8.	Finance: Income received from 14 June to 11 July 2026: • Bank Interest: £8.38 Fund balances 11 July 2026: • Current Account: £94.93 • Deposit Account: £20,013.71 • Total: £20,108.64	

	• Memorial Fund: £474.79 To approve annual spend of £150.00 to Aston le Walls Village Hall for the use of the Village Hall for Parish Council meetings, 10 times a year, for 2 hours at a time: It was RESOLVED to spend £150 annually to Aston le Walls Village Hall for the use of the Village Hall for Parish Council meetings, due to be renewed in the April of each year as an agenda item at the April meeting. To discuss the e.on maintenance contract in place to ensure the best price is provided: The Clerk reassured the Parish Council that their current streetlight maintenance contract with e.on is the best value for price at this moment in time. The Payment Schedule was RESOLVED and approved for payment.	
9.	Village Maintenance: Pocket Park: Ongoing maintenance continues. Millennium Garden: Ongoing maintenance continues. Streetlights: N/A Defibrillator: N/A Public Footpaths & Rights of Way: N/A Trees and General Parish Environment: N/A Winter Maintenance: N/A	
10.	General Update: Welsh Road:	

	N/A HS2 Liaison, Highways and Road Safety update: N/A Neighbourhood Watch: N/A	
11.	Dates of next meeting(s): Thursday 17 th September 2026 Thursday 15 th October 2026	
12.	Meeting closed at 8:13pm.	

Signed:

Date: